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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Reimbursement of Excess Shipping Charges -

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1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for approval of the Deputy Director (Support). Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

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2. In 1959 Mr. [] was assigned as Chief of Base, []. While his shipping allowance would normally have been 16,000 pounds, he was assigned QP furniture and his authorization for personal effects was thereby reduced to 4,500 pounds. After the arrival of the shipment it was determined that the total shipment (QP furniture and appliances plus his personal property) was 20,280 pounds, and [] charged Mr. [] \$2,638.45 in excess shipping costs. He protested this action and requested reimbursement on the grounds that the excess weight was caused by improper packing. His position was supported by a statement from a [] firm that his personal property, if properly packed, would have weighed about 3,960 pounds. In October 1961 the Deputy Director (Support) considered Mr. [] claim, and concluded that the final decision should be deferred until Mr. [] returned to Headquarters so that comparisons could be made between the outgoing and incoming shipments. In the meantime \$2,638.45 was advanced to Mr. [] to pay []. [] this has been carried since then as an open item in Mr. [] account.

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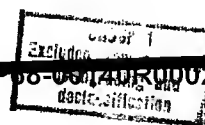
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3. Mr. [] has now returned to Headquarters and has submitted packing lists for both the outgoing and incoming shipments, as well as a report prepared by [] Inspector. On the packing list for the return shipment, Mr. [] has identified those items which were purchased overseas and thus not a part of the outgoing shipment. According to his statement, over one half of the items (101 line items of a total of 189) were purchased overseas, and only five of the original items (two paintings, two chairs, and one beach umbrella) were sold overseas.

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4. The outgoing shipment consisted of 20,280 pounds gross. About 9,845 of this was estimated to be GP, and the remainder (10,435 pounds) was assumed to be personal. On the return trip he shipped only his personal effects, and these, including the 101 line items purchased while overseas, weighed only 10,362 pounds. This seems to prove his contention that his personal property would not have weighed 10,435 outbound if it had been correctly handled.

5. While we recognize that it is an individual's personal responsibility to arrange for the shipment of his effects, this case is complicated by the fact that much of the shipment consisted of Agency-owned property. This was delivered to the warehouse to be consolidated with Mr. [] property, and he had no control over it until it was uncrated at the destination. We believe it should be assumed that the improper packing was associated with the GP items as well as his personal effects.

6. Since it appears that the excess was in fact a result of improper packing, and since a substantial but undeterminable portion of the shipment was Agency owned property, it is recommended that the Deputy Director (Support) approve the payment of \$2,638.45 in excess shipping charges.

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Special Support Assistant/DDS

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved.

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L. K. White
Deputy Director (Support)

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